

Abstract of the Disclosure

An interactive television program guide system is provided. An interactive television program guide implemented on user television equipment obtains
5 program guide data from two data delivery mechanisms. Current program guide data is obtained from a continuous data stream. Other program guide data (which may include the current program guide data) is obtained by the program guide from a program guide
10 server.

The continuous data stream may also include program and program grouping identifiers. The program guide may perform real-time actions associated with programs identified in the continuous data stream.